



Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana in Punjab | Punjab | 29 Jan 2026

Why in News?

The **Punjab Government** has announced the launch of the **Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana**, under which all residents of Punjab will be provided **cashless medical treatment** up to **₹10 lakh per family per year**, making it one of the most comprehensive **state-level health cover schemes in India**.

Key Points

- **Administered by:** Punjab State Health Agency.
- **Objective:** To ensure **universal access to quality healthcare** and reduce **out-of-pocket expenditure** for citizens.
- **Beneficiaries:** All **bonafide residents of Punjab** are eligible, with **no income or socio-economic criteria**.
 - Beneficiaries will be verified using **Aadhaar card and voter identity card**.
 - The scheme aims to cover around **65 lakh families**, benefiting nearly **3 crore people**.
- **Healthcare Services Covered:** The scheme covers **secondary and tertiary healthcare**, including major **surgeries, ICU care, diagnostics and medicines**.
 - Treatment will be available in **government and private hospitals** within and outside Punjab.
- **Financial Model:** The operational model **involves both insurance and state funding**.
- **Significance:** Punjab becomes among the **few Indian states offering universal cashless medical coverage** without income restrictions.

Read More: [Universal access to healthcare](#), [Aadhaar card](#)

Operation Sahyadri Checkmate launched by DRI | National Current Affairs | 29 Jan 2026

Why in News?

The **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)** conducted a major operation under the codename **"Operation Sahyadri Checkmate"** in the **Sahyadri ranges**.

Key Points

- **Operation:** The DRI launched Operation to **disrupt clandestine drug production networks** in the remote **Sahyadri forest** region.
- **Location:** Hidden **mobile methamphetamine (mephedrone) lab** in Sahyadri ranges, disguised as a poultry farm.
- **Seizure:** **21.912 kg of mephedrone** and **71.5 kg of raw materials** capable of producing ~15

kg of drugs.

- **Market Value:** Estimated illicit value of **₹55 crore**.

- **Strategy:** Combination of **intelligence-led surveillance** and **late-night interception**.

- **National Security:** Prevents **organised drug trafficking**, protects **public health**, and disrupts **criminal networks**.

- The operation demonstrates the **critical role of DRI** in safeguarding national security.

Read More: [Sahyadri](#), [Directorate of Revenue Intelligence](#)

Wings India 2026 | National Current Affairs | 29 Jan 2026

Why in News?

The **Ministry of Civil Aviation** announced that **Wings India 2026**, Asia's largest civil aviation event, will be held in **January 2026** at **Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad**.

Key Points

- **Theme:** The theme is **"Indian Aviation: Paving the Future - From Design to Deployment, Manufacturing to Maintenance, Inclusivity to Innovation and Safety to Sustainability."**
- **Nature of Event:** Wings India 2026 is a **global civil aviation exhibition and conference** covering the entire **aviation value chain** including airports, airlines, manufacturing, MRO and logistics.
- **India's Aviation Growth:** India has emerged as one of the **fastest-growing civil aviation markets** with a **significant increase** in passenger traffic, aircraft induction and airport infrastructure.
 - Wings India 2026 promotes **regional air connectivity**, which is the core objective of the **UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme**.
- **Focus:** The event highlights India's push towards **aircraft manufacturing, Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO)** and aerospace component production.
 - The sessions also focus on airports and infrastructure, aircraft leasing, air cargo, drones, advanced air mobility, training, and women in aviation.
- **Sustainability Initiatives:** Emphasis is placed on **Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)**, **green airports** and adoption of **digital and eco-friendly aviation technologies**.

Read More: [UDAN scheme](#), [Sustainable Aviation Fuel](#)

Telangana Police Introduces Doorstep FIR Registration | National Current Affairs | 29 Jan 2026

Why in News?

The **Telangana Police** has launched a **first-of-its-kind citizen-centric initiative** allowing victims to register **First Information Reports (FIRs)** at their **residence or chosen location**.

Key Points

- **Objective:** To **reduce procedural delay**, protect the **dignity and safety of victims**, and remove barriers for those unable to visit police stations.
- **Applicable Cases:** Initially applicable to **specified categories of cognisable offences**, including those under laws such as the **POCSO Act, SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act**, and **Telangana Prohibition of Ragging Act**.
- **Procedure:** Police officers will visit the **victim's residence, hospital or place of offence**, record the **initial statement**, secure the crime scene, and later **formally register the FIR** at the police station.
 - After registration, a **copy of the FIR** is provided at the same location via **email, WhatsApp, or hard copy** if required.
- **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP):** SOPs have been issued to ensure **uniform implementation**.
- **Policy Alignment:** Aligns with **victim-centric policing, criminal justice reforms, and Article 21's guarantee of access to justice**.

Read More: [POCSO Act](#), [SC/ST \(Prevention of Atrocities\) Act](#), [Prohibition of Child Marriage Act](#), [Article 21](#)

Ashok Chakra 2026 Awarded to Shubhanshu Shukla | National Current Affairs | 29 Jan 2026

Why in News?

President Droupadi Murmu conferred the **Ashok Chakra** to Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla of the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** during the **77th Republic Day 2026**.

Key Points

- **Ashok Chakra:** India's **highest peacetime gallantry award** for acts of **conspicuous bravery, self-sacrifice or valor**.
 - **Award Criteria:** The Ashok Chakra is conferred for **most conspicuous bravery or self-sacrifice in peacetime**, equivalent in prestige to the **Param Vir Chakra**, which is awarded in wartime.
- **Awardee: Shubhanshu Shukla** recognized for leadership, courage and exemplary conduct during the **Axiom-4 space mission**.
 - He became the **first Indian astronaut to visit the International Space Station**.
 - His recognition highlights India's growing capabilities in **human space missions** and places **space service on par with traditional acts of gallantry**.
- **National Importance:** Reinforces India's focus on **aerospace achievements, defense valor and scientific contribution**, inspiring youth and recognizing pioneering efforts.

Read More: [77th Republic Day 2026](#), [Axiom-4 space mission](#), [International Space Station](#)